

Dear Members,

For the past two years I have served as your president and now it is time for a change of officers.

During my stewardship we have had outstanding programs at ACTFL, AECT and the Northeast Conference. In the future we will have business meetings only at the following two: one in the fall which is our annual business meeting at which new officers will be installed and the other a business meeting in the spring.

Over the last year we have sponsored a workshop with TESOL and participated in the Canadian Colloquium from which we hope a Canadian affiliate will be established.

The FLEAT Conference which we co-sponsored in Japan has given us an international view and increased membership in over 25 countries. As a result of these conferences we have proposed a new name for our organization: the International Association for Learning Laboratories (IALL).

The initials for the Journal will remain the same but the meaning will change: the NALLD Journal (New Advances in Learning Laboratory Developments).

Over the past years the editor and his staff have tried to introduce interdisciplinary elements into the journal while keeping in mind our membership of persons interested in learning laboratories which are most often associated with language learning. Their efforts have been blessed with a journal that is being published on schedule and whose subscription service is unequalled.

Many projects remain to be done. I would suggest that a national and possibly, in the future, an international survey/study on learning laboratories be sponsored by our organization. Committees should be established to expand the participation of the membership and increase the functions and services of the organization.

For my part I have been encouraged to write a Mediagraphy of English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and would appreciate the submission to me at Houston of relevant information on video, audio, etc. items that should be included.

Also, I would like to thank and congratulate the executive board for their sacrifices of time and resources. Without them there would be no organization. Without the University of Louisville there probably would have been no Journal and FLEAT Program. Without the membership there would be no purpose. Our advertisers and sponsors have informed our readers of their products and supported our efforts.

As the last President of NALLD I extend an encouraging welcome to the new President of IALL and wish him, the executive director, officers, executive board and new constitution fair sailing.

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